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might be directed to look to the condition of the roads, &c., as they might be able to know the importance and urgency of the works, and that it would be better to carry out the public works of a taluk with the co-operation of the principal land-holders in it. The Member also pointed out that a Conference consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Dewan Peishkar and the Taluk Representatives, should be held to decide the amount to be allotted to each taluk.

Mr. Atchutha Panikar (Member, Parur Taluk) stated that public funds should be distributed with due regard to the wants of the several taluks and the revenue derived from each taluk; and he also requested that a Conference consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Dewan Peishkar and the Taluk Representatives, should be held to decide the amount to be allowed to each taluk.

Mr. K. Thomman (Member, Minachil Taluk) represented that the income of his taluk was not in any way less than that of any other taluk, but the money that was expended on public works for the benefit of the former was not proportionate to the income realised, and that even the small sum allotted was not well spent by the authorities. He prayed to Government that steps might be taken to allot an amount for public works in proportion to the income of the taluk and to improve communications in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

37. The necessity for expeditiously carrying out the programme of public works sanctioned for the Kottayam Division.

Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappilla (Member, Kottayam Taluk) stated that he had looked into the office-note showing the stages at which the several works, mentioned in the programme drawn up by the Kottayam Division Members of the last Assembly, now stood; and he thanked the Government for the expeditious way in which the programme was being attended to.

Dewan's reply.—Thank you. The Chief Engineer will admit that the public works sanctioned for the Kottayam Division have not been carried out as expeditiously as could be desired. But we hope that, with additional hands, the several works will be expedited.

38. Inaccessibility of the eastern taluks and the apathy of the P. W. D.

Mr. Nilakanta Panikar (Member, Changanacheri Taluk) represented that the inhabitants of the eastern taluks underwent great difficulties for want of proper communications. The only roads were the M. C. road and one or two small roads. Therefore he prayed that steps might be taken to construct more roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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